AGENDA

CHARLESTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION REGULAR OPEN MEETING

March 22, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

CHARLESTOWN TOWN HALL, ANNEX CONFERENCE ROOM 4540 SOUTH COUNTY TRAIL, CHARLESTOWN, RI 02813

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS / PUBLIC COMMENT
 - A. Introduction of Kenneth Simoneau, prospective member of the Conservation Commission.
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- V. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Reports From Commissioners
 - 1. Richard Trails Parking Lot—

Archeological Investigation and Parking Lot

Construction.

A. The Town Council approved funds for the Archeological Investigation of the Parking Lot at their meeting on March 14, 2011. A total of \$3775 was approved which includes \$1,000 from Conservation Commission funds approved by the prior Town Council. Funds will come from the Open Space Funding Account. Funds approved by the Budget Commission. LA

B. Kerin has agreed to monitor Richard Trails Open Space property.

2. South Farm Preserve

A. Old logging trail marked by Richard and Hal.

Robert Wood and Boy Scouts from Troop #15 will clear brush to re-open trail-- Eagle Scout project. RT HH

- B. Informational stand to hold wild plant inventory and bird inventory info. Investigate cost, measurements etc.
- C. Projects for South Farm work day.
- 3. Open Space Monitoring Plan
 - Walk each of the Open Space Properties once or twice a year.
 - Take photographs for year –to-year comparisons.
 - Look for new growth on trees. Look for any deteriorating trees and any trees creating a hazardous condition.
 - Save any dead non-hazardous trees located approximately 20 feet off trails for woodpeckers, flickers and sapsuckers.
 - Check for any insect infestation.
 - Check for and monitor invasive plants.
 - Track any misuse of properties including use of any mechanized vehicles including mountain or other bicycles and all-terrain vehicles. Check for trash.
 - Continue to request Charlestown Police and Narragansett Indian Police to Monitor Schoolhouse Pond Preserve.
 - Write Report.
- 4. Beach Structure Committee Report—FS
- 5. Windmill Ordinance report—GA
- 6. Birds of Prey--GK
- 7. Schoolhouse Pond Sign--FS
- 8. Upcoming Events
 - March 26, 2011, R.I. Land &Water Conservation Summit, URI Memorial Union, Kingston
 - * March 31, 2011--Town Council Omnibus Meeting, 7 p.m., Charlestown Elementary School
 - April 11, 2011. "A New Perspective: Improving the Environment From Your Backyard"-Town Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Town Hall-- Hal Hultgren
 - April 16, 2011, Monitor South Farm Preserve—Work Day, South Farm Preserve
 - May 7, 2011, Arbor Day—Plant tree
 - June 4, 2011, 9:30 a.m., Monitor Arnold Family White Cedar Swamp and then Monitor Schoolhouse Pond Preserve.
- 9. Any additional items

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion-Questions—Ken Simoneau—

B. Vote

VII. MEMBERS COMMENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be held on April 26, 2011

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